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RIVAL OPINIONS ON HIGHER STRATEGY CAUSE OF CRISIS

Western Front or On Eastern Front?

ENGLAND AGAINST GENERALISSIMO

Personal Controversies Over Versailles Inter-Allies Staff Differences

By JOHN LLOYD BALDERSTON.

London, Nov. 21. (By Mail).—The United States as was inevitable, has been dragged into the welter of controversy that rages about the decision to set up a supreme war council, with a permanent body of military advisers sitting at Versailles to envisage the situation on all fronts in proper per-spective to "see the war steadily, and see it whole.'

National jealousies, old personal controversies, divergent views as to strategy cries that the politicians were attacking the soldiers, have all tended to confuse the real issues, bewilder the allied publics, and keep raging the fires of irrelevent criticism. But the issues are very simple, when the camoullage has been form away, and there is no reason why they should not be stated frankly.

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Point of View May Change.

The representatives of the central powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries but desired to know the result of Russia's efforts to induce the allies front against General Kaledings who

by the invasion of 1'aly the Ger-mans have raised again, more acutely than before, the old question: "Can the allies defeat the main enemy ar-mies on the Belgian and French front, and so win the war?" It is accord-ing to their views upon this issue that statesmen and soldiers in Europe have aligned themselves in the controversy about the high commands and the su-

reme council.

After a year of hammering on the est, "eastern" and "western" schools thought arose in England and rance. The easterners contended prema council. France. The easterners compregthat the western front was "impreg-nable," as Lloyd George said recently in Paris, and that a defensive ought to be adopted in France and an at-tempt made to win the war by strik-ing at Gallipoli, across the Danube or the Isanzo into Austria, or somewhere else where the enemy lines were vul-nerable.

The westerners, on the other hand-declared that all such "sideshows" were a dissipation of effort, that the enemy must be attacked and beaten where he is strongest, in France, and that the decision of the war must be

the overrunning of Serbia and Rumania gave the westerpers the upper
hand, the Somme and Arras and
Flauders campaigns were the result.
Now the invasion of Italy has compelled the French and British to weaken their main western front and send
masses of troops over the Alps, and
those critics who were eisterners before now proclaim that the main westtern front is and will remain inverse. ern front is and will remain impreg-nable, and that the decision must be TONIGHT WILL BE sought on the Italian plains.

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It is not possible before the end of the war, for obvious reasons, to print the names of the generals and ministers who have contended in the rival camps, and who are contending today. But the confusing tangle of argument and recrimination can be understood, whatever turn it may take, if the reader will remember that there are strategists who believe that the defeat of Germany must be brought about by knocking out her weaker vassals, by penetrating her armor at its weakest point, and that there are (Continued on Page Eight).

"LIGHTLESS NIGHT"

Washington, Dec. 20—The first week day 'lightless night' will be observed throughout the country tonight in strict compliance with the rules of the fuel administration. Reports received here from public utilities companies supplying electric current for display lighting and advertising express complete willingness to co-operate with the rules of the fuel Administrator Garfield in his attempt to relieve the heavy drain on the nation's coal supply. Requests (Continued on Page Eight).

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT TO HEALTH OF SOLDIERS

Woolen Uniforms for All Men Either at Camps or En Route

one of Surgeon-General Gorgas' reone of Surgeon-General Gorgas' recommendations for betterment of November 10, he was ordered to Loutraining camp conditions, Secretary don to report to Vice-Admiral Sims
Baker has announced, and a general for the duty on which he was serving at the time of his death. His mother,

West Anna Marie Page, lives here. cers in reports on national guard di-

cers in reports on national guard divisions, is expected to result.

Woolen uniforms for all troops have been provided and are either at the camps or enroute there. Secretary Baker asserted. His statement was made yesterday co-incident with the publication of the report of the division of field sanitation for the week ending December 14. disclosing improvement in health conditions in mational guard divisions, but an increase in the number of pneumonia, measles and meningitis cases in a few national and meningitis cases in a few national

CENTRAL POWERS **WILL MAKE PEACE** OFFER TO ALLIES

Can Germans Be Beaten On Teuton Representatives Told Russians They Guns Bombarding Various Are Ready to Consider Peace on Basis of No Annexations or Indemnities—Want Russians to "Sound Out" Allies on Question of Peace

> ress reports Russia has been in-advices of the progress of peace nego-ormed by the central powers that tiations between the Bolsheviki and they intend to make peace proposals the central powers, and whatever ad- Desperate Resistance Given vices the government was receiving through American Ambassador Fran-

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central powers, at the first preliminary beace conference with the Russians, held Tuesday, announced that their governments intended to put the question of peace before all the powers and that they had asked their allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the allies.

Cis, or other sources, was not made public.

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of peace on the basis of no annexa-tions and no indemnities, but pointed these negotiations and some German out that self-definition of nations was newspapers interpret this as showing

of Russia's efforts to induce the allies front against General Kaledines, who is reported to be gaining new successes have raised again, more accutely before, the old question: "Can allies defeat the main enemy are on the Belgian and French front, so win the war?" It is according to discuss peace with Russia alone, to their views upon this issue that the Russian armistice might influence the first conference was devoted.

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GERMAN DRIVE WEST WILL BEGIN

Sectors From North Sea To Swiss Border

ITALIANS RETIRE TO NEW POSITIONS

To Renewed Hun Attacks

garian foreign minister, are both said break through the nills to the plains, to be on their way to Brest-Litovsk, being accompanied by advisory suites from various government departments. It also indicated from Posts.

No Self-Definition of Nations,
The Evening Post says the Germans from various government departnate officially informed Bolsheviki ments. It also indicated from Berling readquarters that the central powers ready to consider the arrangement stag will be summoned to meet in page on the basis of no annexas special session in connection with southern end of the Piave line. The America, I would turn down the \$500,000,000 and take the women and the \$100,000 and take the women Austro-Germans have been checked in several attempts to cross the river.

On Western Front.

On the western front the German have not yet given any strong indication of where there advertised drive it to begin. The German guns continu to bombard various sectors along the front from the North sea to the Swis Champagne areas, and enemy raiding parties are harassing the British in Do Not Like Taxing Methods the Arras area and northeast of Ypres while the French have repulsed an at tack at Regneville, northwest of Ver the Germans well the the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts.

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A dispatch from Tammerfors, Finland, their preparing to evacuate Finland, their transportation already having been the authority in numbers.

British Shipping Losses.

British Shipping Losses, British shipping losses for the past week total 17, a decrease of four compared with the previous week. The number of ships of more than 1,600 tons lost remained stationary, the re-

duction being in vessels under 1,600 Portuguese Repulse Germans, London, Dec. 20-Portuguese troops

near Laventie, north of Arras. last night repulsed an attempted German raid, according to an official statement were a dissipation of effort, that the enemy must be attacked and beaten where he is strongest, in France, and that the decision of the war must be sought and reached there.

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British Aviation Activities.

"Yesterday, the seventh day of the battle between the Brenta and the Playe the enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Mon Soladolo salient. At 11 o'clock in th morning after several hours of the most violent fire extanding from the Col tell Orso to Porte 'Salton, col-umns of infantry from the northeast and the north were launched against our position.

"The former, which advanced from the southwestern slope of Monte Spin-onci, was caught by our artillery and a most effective and concentrated fire from French batteries. It was forced to stop and give up the attack before out by our counter attacks, was ob-lined to suspend action and return to his own lines. We captured prisoners and some machine guns.

"In the Coi Dell Beretta region a thrust on the part of enemy infantry was crushed promptly by our fire. On the remainder of the front the fight-ing activity was very moderate."

Official German Statement,
Berlin, Dec. 20—(via London)—The
official statement issued by the German war office Wednesday reads:
"Western theater—There is nothing
"Macedonian front—There was firing at times in the Cerna bend and between the Vardar and Large Tollow

What Davidson Thinks Women of America



partner in J. P. Morgan & company, one of the financial powers of Amer-ica, and now chief executive of the

STEEL CORPORATIONS TO MOVE ENTIRE TOWN

of the City Council of Hibbing, Minn.

Hibbing, Minn., Dec. 22.—Unable to ontrol the municipal government, the steel corporations are going to literally tear down the entire city of Hibbing, with its 12,000 inhabitants and its millions of dollars worth of improve-

Minety-five per cent, of the taxes of Hibbing are paid by the steel corpora-tions. The town is situated in the heart of the Mesabi iron ore range. Hibbing residents don't like the steel corporations, and so they have for years wildly voted improvements to be paid by taxation—and the steel cor-porations, hipless to combat the

tire state of Delaware. Tax levies MAJ.-GEN.MORRISON MADE LUXBURG'S TELEGRAMS General Scott Returns.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 29.—Major-General Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., who is to be assigned as chief instruction of
British Aviation Activities.

London, Dec. 18.—(Delayed)—The play the laxes Hibbing's mayor spends over \$3,000 annually in conducting the town. Even the allies have expensive bonierard lighting systems, to be assigned as chief instruction of
"Heavy snow prevented flying on the factor of the factor of the feathered chickens are reported."

Italian Statement,
Rome. Dec. 18.—(Delayed)—The
Italian war office Tuesday issued the
following statement on military operations:
"Yesterday, the seventh day of the
battle between the Brenta and the

ROMAN CATHOLIC MINERS CAN WORK ON HOLY DAYS

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gib-bons gave his sanction today to Ro-man Catholic miners working on the holy days falling within the Christmas and New Year's houday season. In a letter to Fuel Administrator Garfield setting in contact with our line. The latter, consisting of a whole division of German troops, preceded by assault detachments, made a direct and decided thrust against Monte Solarolo and the northern slope at the head of the Calcino valley. Our troops put that saloons might co-operate by closing from 9 o'clock in the evening uning from 9 o'clock in the other than the calcine of the calc and the northern slope at the head of the Calcino valley. Our troops put up a most stubborn resistance and the enemy, after a desperate structle, he ing badly cut up by our free and worn out by our counter attacks, was oblifted to suspend action and return to the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons; on the contrary, it would not work any hardship upon the parsons are the calcing the parsons and the same that sales are the calcing the contract to the same that sales are the calcing the benefit them and give them more time to spend with their families, while at the same time contribute to their greater efficiency," The mission Washington.

west of Thann (Alsace), brought in British and French prisoners, "Eastern theater—There is nothing

UKRAINIAN RADA REFUSED TO OBEY **BOLSHEVIK ORDERS**

State of Siege Has Been Proclaimed in Petrograd—Ukraine Refuses to Permit Bolsheviki Troops to Cross Territory to Attack Kaledines—Cossacks Occupy Roster-on-the-Don

in Petrograd and the Ukrainian rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolsheviki govern-ment. Disorders in the capital are due, it is said, to the looting of wine rellars and shops, made necessary by the proclamation of a state of siege. Relations Not Cordial.

Relations Not Cordial.

Relations between Ukraine and the Bolsheviki government have not been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximalist troops to cross its territory to attack General Kaledines and several days Bolsheviki troops in Petrograd. This is what Henry P. Davidson, artner in J. P. Morgan & company, ne of the financial powers of America, and now chief executive of the ted Cross, told the people of Omaha about American women:

"If I had the choice of \$500,000,000 of being friendly to the constitutional of being friendly to the constitutional democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counter revolution.

The Bolshevini government two weeks ago reported that Tcheliabinsk was being besieged by troops under democrats and the Cossacks, the main factors behind the counter revolution. The town is 360 miles northeast of Orenburg, and 125 miles northeast of O

Rostov-on-the-Don, recently reported captured by the Bolsheviki, is now
said to have been occupied Monday
by the Cossacks of General Kaledines, who, according to another recent ru-mor, has been arrested by his own of-ficers. The Cossack leader, according to a dispatch reaching London from Petrograd, has proposed to the Bol-sheviki that civil strife come to an end by declaring the independence of the Don territory and providing against Maximalist intervention there.

probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviki that the erada permits its troops to go through the Ukraine to

Bolsheviki Sent Ultimatum.

London, Dec. 18 (Delayed).—The ling the maximalists were defeated Bolsheviki government, according to The same dispatch reported that a Petrograd advices, has sent an ulti-majority of the slajors of the Blac matum to the Ukrainian rada. It de-mands that within 48 hours a deci-lans, sion be made whether the Ukraine Th

A state of siege has been proglaimed of workmen's and soldiers' delegates

Says Allies For Kaledines, Petrograd, Dec. 19.—(Delayed)— The Bolsheviki newspapers are com-plaining that the presence of the allied military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging General Kaledines, leader of the counter revolution against the this complaint on behalf of the American military mission, of which he is chief, Lieutenant-Colonel W. V. Jud-

Bolsheviki that th erada permits its troops to go through the Ukraine to ald in putting down the Kaledines re-

Sent Negative Answer.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—(Delayed.)—
The rada the governing body of the Ukraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the council of peoples commissaries, the Bolsheviki government.

Cossacks Occupy Junction Town.
Petrograd, Dec. 19.—(Delayed.)—Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviki have occepied Tchellabinsk, a junction on the trans-Siberian rall-road, according to a report received don on December 17, attacked an arroad, according to a report received don on December 17, attacked an arby the Den.

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The Ukraine is part of the old king

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

General Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., who is to be assigned as chief instruction of ficers of the new National army, returned today from Europe on a American steamship. He has been at the front in France studying conditions there. A number of United States army officers arrived here with bombs and machine gun fire. A robbishon of York Coming

Archbishon of York Coming

Hes issued by the isruen war officer same of the instruction of the instruction of the instruction of the northern front. In this locality of insomnia, because the town to roost. There are 30 salaried politemen. Quarters for firemen are furnished in quarter sawed oak, handsome rugs, plantohs and phonographs.

Archbishon of York Coming

Conmended For Gallantry.
Washington, Dec. 20.—David Goldman, machinists mate, has been commended by Secretary Daniels for gal-lantry in having rescued Arthur G Palmer, a shipmate, from drowning or October 30. Palmer fell overboard from the U. S. S. O'Brien and Gold-man jumped over board after him and held him up until he was rescued. Goldman enlisted at San Francisco, but his mother lives in Philadelphia.

Want Increase in Rates. Washington, Dec. 20.—The Georgia and Florida railway today applied to the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to make increases of 1/2 a cent and one cent per hundred pounds in rates on naval stores from Georgia producing points to Brunswick Sayannah and Jacksonyills. wick, Savannah and Jacksonville.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—A Serbian diplomatic mission to the United states arrived here today. It is headed by Dr. M. R. Vesnitch, who repre-States arrived in the constant of the state of the struction by other powers, he said, struction by other powers, he said, struction by other powers, he said, his own country was in danger of being out-distanced.

Admiral Saito's speech is regarded admiral Saito's speech is regarded.

Changes in Chinese Offices. Peking, Dec. 20.—Tuan Chi-Jui, former premier, is appointed chief of the Chinese European war bureau by the presidential mandate Issued today. General Tuan Chi-Kuei has been apcointed war minister in place of Wang

Eleven Killed By Explosion.

heavily by us.

"In air fighting two German machines were brought down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines and two others were driven down in our lines are the stored in order to produce a ment which also will publish them. United States in order to produce a ment which also will publish them simultaneously at Buenos Aires. Exposing the first or has been increased by the general staff of which he becomes the without trace telegram by Secretary head.

ADVOCATES GET BUSY

Tokio, Nov. 10 (By mail) .- Led by Admiral Baron Saito, for many years minister of marine and largely responsible for the modern Japanes navy, a campaign has been opened by preparedness preachers here to give

If Japan is to maintain her rank among the sea powers of the world, he insisted, it is urgent that she take immediate steps for centering her nava strength around 12 super-dread-noughts and the same number of battle-cruisers. Because of war con-struction by other powers, he said,

as expressing the sentiments of the Terauchi administration and has caused no small amount of discussion for less than a year ago Japan aimed at the acquisition of eight battleships and eight battle-cruisers as the mair

Steel Plant Idle.

strength of her fleet.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 20.—Approximately 50 per cent of the steel make-Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Eleven ing capacity of Youngstown plant men were killed in an explosion in representing fully 10 per cent of th Dar Dour company's coal mine near of the entire United States, is idle out. Nemo, Tenn., late afternoon. ing to coal shortage.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The war department has compiled with all but one of Surgeon-General Gorgas' recommendations for betterment of

and meningitis cases in a few national army cantonments. The only step army cantonments. The only step recommended by General Gorgas which remained to be acted upon. Secretary Baker said, is that regarding the establishment of observation camps in which shall be gathered all new recruits for a period of two weeks before the men pass into company organizations at the training camps,

Petrograd, Dec. 20 .- According to embassy today was entirely without

Hussia Asked To Help.
This report is published in the Evecis, or other sources, was not made

ALABAMA UNION MINERS CONSIDERING AGREEMENT

While nothing definite is known re- first witness.

"LIGHTLESS NIGHT"

tempt to relieve the neary drain on the nation's coul supply. Lequests from vaudeville and nioving picture houses for permission to continue their present display signs have been rejected by Dr. Garfield. Failure to observe the new regulations, it has been announced, will result in penal-ties for the offenders.

ENSIGN W. B. PAGE DIED IN ENGLAND

Washington, Dec. 20 .- The death of Ensign Phillips Ward Page, in England, December 17, as the result of a scaplane accident, has been reported

to the navy department.
Ensign Page was born in Boston in 1885 and enrolled in the flying corps

INVESTIGATION SHIPPING **BOARD BEGINS FRIDAY**



The Right Honorable and Most